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## **Demand for Experienced Employees in LA's Green Sector on the Rise**

**—Energy Upgrade in Los Angeles County to Host First-Ever**

**Jobs Fair on February 21<sup>st</sup>—**

(LOS ANGELES, CA, February 15, 2012)—In response to the rising demand for experienced employees in the Energy Efficiency sector, Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County – a countywide program designed to promote home energy efficiency while providing homeowners valuable rebates on renovations – is hosting its first ever job fair on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Pacific Center in downtown Los Angeles at 523 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Companies seeking employees with experience in contracting, energy modeling, estimating, marketing, graphic design, sales, administration and skilled labor will be reviewing resumes and conducting interviews onsite with registered job-seekers. The Energy Upgrade Job Fair will take place in Conference Room C on the First Floor from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

“We are extremely encouraged by the increasing demand for skilled workers created by the Energy Upgrade program in LA County,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor, Mark Ridley-Thomas. “These jobs didn’t exist a year ago, and we anticipate continued growth in this sector over the years ahead. The Energy Upgrade Job Fair will play a key role in connecting skilled job candidates with employers that are eager to fill available and newly-created positions.”

In 2010, The County of Los Angeles, the California Energy Commission (CEC), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), investor-owned and municipal utilities, local governments, and other stakeholders partnered to form a statewide energy efficiency

program, Energy Upgrade California. Since its inception, LA County has experienced a groundswell of homeowners interested in making energy efficiency upgrades and improvements to their homes.

“My business has grown immensely over the past year as a result of the Energy Upgrade program, and other contractors like me are looking to grow their teams to keep up with the demand for projects,” said Mike Murphy, President, CEO of Zero Energy Contracting, Inc. “It’s going to be a busy year ahead and I’m hoping to make some key hires as a result of the Job Fair.”

The Energy Upgrade Job Fair will provide an opportunity for people who are looking for full-time, part-time or contract work to connect directly with multiple employers who are looking to hire immediately.

RSVP at [Tinyurl.com/eucjobsfair](http://Tinyurl.com/eucjobsfair). Space is limited.

For more information about the Energy Upgrade Job Fair, call Bruce at: 213.213.1960, x107.

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### **About Energy Upgrade California in Los Angeles County**

Energy Upgrade California is a state-wide energy efficiency program for homeowners and collaboration between The Energy Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, utilities, local governments and the private sector. Funding for the Energy Upgrade California program comes from multiple sources, including: American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant; US Department of Better Buildings Program funding; and California Energy Commission discretionary grant. Energy Upgrade California Los Angeles is administered and overseen by an alliance among L.A. County, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Los Angeles County is one of the first counties in California to roll out this program. Locally, county officials are coordinating with Southern California Edison, the Southern California Gas Company and L.A.D.W.P. to provide homeowners with information on home upgrade benefits, financing, incentives and home energy ratings and help with finding participating contractors. For more information, consumers can visit [www.EnergyUpgradeCA/LACounty.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCA/LACounty.org).